

**What Is Claimed Is:**

1        1.    An exposure system with group compensation,  
2 comprising:

3        a lot classification database to record a group  
4            classification of at least one lot wafer;

5        a compensation unit to obtain the group classification of  
6            the lot wafer from the lot classification database,  
7            retrieve a group compensation value according to the  
8            group classification, and compensate at least one  
9            overlay parameter according to the group  
10           compensation value; and

11       a first exposure device to perform a back-end process  
12           including overlay and exposure processes on the lot  
13           wafer using the compensated overlay parameters.

1        2.    The exposure system with group compensation as  
2 claimed in claim 1 further comprising a second exposure device  
3 to perform a front-end process on the lot wafer, determine the  
4 group classification of the lot wafer, and store the group  
5 classification in the lot classification database.

1        3.    The exposure system with group compensation as  
2 claimed in claim 2 wherein the group classification is  
3 determined according to the device and mask used in the front-end  
4 process.

1        4.    The exposure system with group compensation as  
2 claimed in claim 1 wherein the first exposure device further  
3 updates the group classification in the lot classification  
4 database after the lot wafer undergoes the back-end process.

1        5.    The exposure system with group compensation as  
2    claimed in claim 4 wherein the first exposure device updates the  
3    group classification according to the device and mask used  
4    therein.

1        6.    An exposure method with group compensation,  
2    comprising the steps of:

3        obtaining a group classification of a lot wafer;

4        retrieving a group compensation value according to the  
5        group classification;

6        compensating at least one overlay parameter according to  
7        the group compensation value; and

8        performing a back-end process including overlay and

9        exposure processes on the lot wafer using the

10       compensated overlay parameters.

1        7.    The exposure method with group compensation as  
2    claimed in claim 6 further comprising providing a second  
3    exposure device to perform a front-end process on the lot wafer,  
4    and determine the group classification of the lot wafer.

1        8.    The exposure method with group compensation as  
2    claimed in claim 7 wherein the group classification is  
3    determined according to the device and mask used in the front-end  
4    process.

1        9.    The exposure method with group compensation as  
2    claimed in claim 6 further comprising updating the group  
3    classification after the lot wafer undergoes the back-end  
4    process.

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- 1           10. The exposure method with group compensation as
- 2           claimed in claim 9 wherein the group classification is updated
- 3           according to the device and mask used in the back-end process.